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**"The Lord is my rock,  
and my fortress. . .**

**I will magnify Him  
with thanksgiving."**

Psalms 18:2 & 69:30



## A THANKFUL HEART REMEMBERS

A special day of thanksgiving was commemorated by Canadians in October and will be celebrated by Americans this month. During this period, we are especially reminded to recall and rehearse the many blessings bestowed upon us by Almighty God. Often we experience tangible blessings, today, which are the results of God's goodness extended to our lives many years ago. May I take this opportunity to express my thankfulness for:

... A godly family heritage that goes back to a great-grandfather who traveled several hundred miles on horseback taking with him oxen and corn to trade for a book of stories which, unbeknown to him, was the Bible. As a result, the Good News of the born-again experience was shared over four generations and one day I responded to Christ's invitation to become a child of God.

... A Mother and Father who always kept the work of the Lord—the ministry—close to their hearts although they were not pastors. This heartbeat was passed on to me and I am eternally grateful.

... The opportunity as a child to sit under the ministry of Aimee Semple McPherson and to sense her great passion for lost souls. Her spirit of evangelism was deeply felt and conveyed to me, even as a child.

... A Foursquare church (Angelus Temple) that

preached the Full-Gospel message, declared "all the counsel of God," and faithfully warned me of the pitfalls of sin and the "wiles of the devil."

... Ministers like Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Reverend Max Siesser and many others in church leadership roles who were models to me and greatly influenced my life during my teen years. And Dr. Harold Chalfant who God especially used during this period in my life to challenge me to wholly consecrate my life to God and His purposes.

... Sunday School teachers like Mary Frost (later serving as a Foursquare missionary to South America where she laid down her life) who faithfully taught me and other children and youth the Word of God—"precept upon precept: line upon line" and year after year, despite the fact that at times we showed no interest, were unresponsive and demonstrated little appreciation.

... Parents and church leaders who taught me how to "pray through" by personal example as well as providing opportunities to pray around the church altars until needs were met.

... A God who faithfully and patiently continues His work in my life, often through the influence of other people, performing what He has begun in me until the day of Jesus Christ when He brings it to full completion.

Margaret Gomez  
Editor

Ministers and delegates from the Western Hemisphere will gather in Panama, Nov. 7-12, for the **Western Hemisphere Foursquare Congress on Evangelism**, which will include the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Foursquare Church in Panama.

**Founder's Week** was observed in **Angelus Temple**, Oct. 8-15, reports Pastor Howard P. Courtney. Highlights included emphases on the life and ministry of Aimee Semple McPherson, the Foursquare message and the denomination's missionary program.

**Dr. Donald McGregor**, Church Growth and Evangelism Director, will conduct seminars in Argentina and Chile during the months of November and December. Pastor **Josephine Dalrymple** of the Chi-

cago, Ill. Foursquare Church will represent the Department of Youth and Christian Education at the **National Congress on Christian Education** in Arlington Heights, Ill., Nov. 7-9.

LIFE Bible College President, **Dr. Jack Hayford**, ministered at the Pastors' Conferences in the Philippines, Oct. 22-Nov. 3. Executive Vice President **Rev. Charles Shoemaker**, is the guest speaker, Nov. 3-4, for the Minister's Institute Retreat of the Eugene, Ore. Foursquare Church.

The Muir, Pa. Foursquare Church has recently pioneered a Foursquare church in nearby **Lebanon, Pa.**

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Oct. 22 was the **Orland, Ca.** Foursquare Church. October 14, 1978 marked 40 years of ministry by the **Galion, Oh.** Foursquare Church. The **Fresno (Cedar Ave.), Ca.** Foursquare Church will commemorate

25 years of ministry on Nov. 5.

District Supervisor Fred Wymore reports that three **Appreciation Banquets** were held on the Western District during October to honor the Christian education workers of the churches on this district. Ministers of the **Southwest District** gathered in San Diego, Oct. 9-12, for the **District Bible Conference**. Dr. M.E. Nicholls, Rev. Wayman Mitchell and Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Cook ministered.

The Foursquare Denomination expresses a deep sense of loss in the passing of Dr. Bob Pierce on Sept. 6, 1978. Dr. Pierce was the founder of World Vision International and served as its President for many years.

### PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Edward O. Carroll,  
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Cover: Fortress in Old Panama City, Panama—the country where Western Hemisphere Congress on Evangelism is being held, Nov. 7-12, 1978. Photo credits: Cover, Dan Ussery.



# inside our Foursquare family:

## COMMUNITY CONCERN: Ministry To Gangs In Los Angeles Barrios

The Chicano gangs of La Puente, California are discovering an alternative to gang life, drug abuse, illiteracy, mindless violence and despair. Gangs for Christ, a Christian organization working out of the La Puente Foursquare Church, is attempting to open the hearts and minds of these lost youth with the power and love of God.



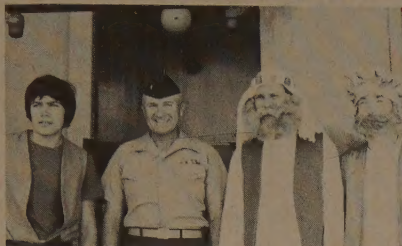
Former gang members now head Gangs for Christ outreach.

Founded in January, 1978, the ministry of Gangs for Christ was first proposed to Pastor James Ritch by Danny Colunga, a converted ex-gang member. "The Lord put a burden on my heart to tell gang members what I knew could not only be the salvation of their souls, but also the salvation from their repulsive lives," shares Danny, now Executive Director of Gangs for Christ. Since that time, this outreach ministry has made considerable progress with at least one gang member from each La Puente gang turning his or her life over to Jesus.

The leadership of Gangs for Christ is composed of former drug addicts, ex-convicts, as well as former gang members. This background enables them to identify with the frustrations and pain of being lost within the evils of drug addiction and gang activity which members feel. These leaders go into the barrios about once a week and confront gang members with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on a personal, one-to-one basis. They have an office in the church from which they operate and where they can receive calls. In addition, rallies are held approximately once a month at the church. One such rally received TV news coverage on three local stations. Recently, they have decided to venture into other communities, as well, and hold

rallies in various churches so that gangs in other barrios will also have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond to the love of Jesus Christ.

## CHURCH: Desert Church Participates In Community VBS

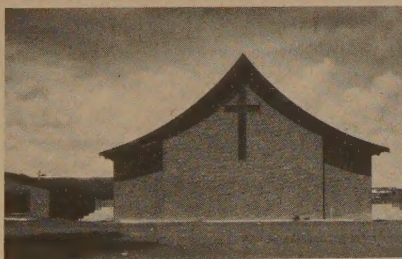


Staff members of the Twentynine Palms, Ca. Foursquare Church, represented one of nine community churches which participated in a Vacation Bible School for 400 children. The VBS was held on the local Marine Corps Base and utilized the theme, "Adventures with Moses." Pastor Rick Gilmore reports that Foursquare church member, Marine Cpl. Ross Westfall, served as Joshua during the 5-day school.

## Church Dedications Danville, Illinois



Relocating to another area of the city, the new facilities of the Danville, Ill. Foursquare Church were recently dedicated. Supervisor L.T. Charter, shown with Pastor and Mrs. John Berry.



## Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Situated on an incline that overlooks the city and each day's sunrise, the Sunrise Hills Foursquare Church of Scottsbluff was dedicated during special

services, with Dr. M.E. Nicholls, General Supervisor, and Dr. Harold Helms of Decatur, Ill. ministering. "In less than a year this 65-member congregation donated its labor to construct the edifice," shared Pastor Michael Coen. Only the brick work, heating and electrical wiring were done by hired workmen.

## YOUTH: Pastors' Son Wins Top Honors

David Cox, son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox of the Salem, Ore. Foursquare Church, was the winner in the National Organist competition at the annual Music and Allied Arts Festival at Spokane, Wash. He was the first high school student ever to win top place.

This past summer David conducted a concert tour in Europe where he performed scheduled recitals at the famous Church of the Madeleine in Paris, the Cathedral of Braunschweig, the North German State School of Music at Detmold, and in Hamburg, Hannover, Celle and Uberlingen, Germany.

The recipient of many honors and awards, David enrolled this fall in Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Conn. to major in organ performance.



## Youth Leader Presents Painting to Church

A student at Atlantic Christian College, Eddie Martin made a gift presentation of a drawing done after Peter Paul Rubens' 17th century painting, "The Crucifixion," to the Wilson, N.C. Foursquare Church. Pastor Max Flynn states that Eddie serves as their church Youth Leader as well as President of Alpha-Omega Christian Fellowship on the Atlantic Christian College campus.

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*"And Jesus went about . . . healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matthew 4:23*

## Four Who Received New Testament Miracles

**PEOPLE:**

### JOAN WELLS

Victoria, British Columbia

Joan Wells of Victoria, B.C. lived a life of frustration and abnormality until one day when she reached out to Jesus and was made whole, as was the woman diseased with an issue of blood who reached out and touched the hem of Jesus' garment (Matt. 9:20).

Doctors in British Columbia considered Mrs. Wells to be one of the most severe allergy cases ever encountered. There was scarcely anything left that she was not allergic to. For instance, the only food she could eat was lettuce, and she was even developing an allergy to it. Her allergy reactions were so severe that an inhalator had to be on standby when she was simply having an allergy test.

Unable to cope with this ailment any longer, Joan began to seek a greater power—the healing power of Jesus Christ. She visited the Sunday Morning Service of the Campbell River, B.C. Foursquare Church with her sister, Mrs. Doreen Sloan, who attends there regularly. That morning, the Holy Spirit directed the pastor, Reverend George Thomson, to speak on the receiving aspect of faith. Joan sensed that the Lord was speaking to her and she reached out to Him in faith.

As Joan rested later that afternoon, she felt a series of actual physical touches in her body. She experienced sensations of heat and pressure. When these touches ceased, she felt that the Lord had healed her and He was telling her to accept it and prove His healing power. He directed her to eat an orange. This was a severe test for Joan, for she feared an allergic reaction. But God provided the courage, and by faith she accepted her healing, went to the kitchen, and ate an orange—with no reaction!

Today, Joan Wells can eat anything she wants. She is completely healed of her allergies. No longer does she have to carry her medic-alert bracelet and card. The Lord has made her whole!

### AL POTTER

Duncanville, Texas

The title words of the well-known song, "He Touched Me," became a reality in the life of Al Potter when Christ healed and mended his body. Mr. Potter attends the Duncanville, Texas Foursquare Church.

A carpenter by trade, Al Potter was working on a house seven years ago when he accidentally stepped off the end of the scaffolding on which he was walking. He fell about four feet to the ground. His knee was twisted and the cartilage was torn as a result.

He was told by his doctor that an operation was the only way to correct the damage in his knee and even that couldn't be promised. Refusing the operation, Al managed to get along with the use of an ace bandage to support his knee.

After having this ailment for an extended period of time, he came to the point where it merely became a part of him and he accepted it. But God had something else in store for Al.

"One night, just after going to bed, I heard a voice say, 'Pray for your knee.' I went to



Al Potter: "It seemed like a lot of fingers putting my knee together."

prayer and all of a sudden my knee felt like two cars hitting head-on. Then it seemed like a lot of fingers working and pushing the knee together. The Lord told me that when I got up in the morning I wouldn't need the ace bandage anymore. He healed my knee completely," testifies Al Potter.

How beautiful it is that Mr. Potter can now fully comprehend the meaning of the words, "He Touched Me," as he recalls and praises the Lord for the miracle He performed in his body.

### AMALIA T. DUROU

Donna, Texas

As the lame man of Acts 3 had to be carried to the gate of the temple, so was Amalia T. Durou carried into the Sunday Evening Service at the Donna, Texas Latin Foursquare Church on March 12, 1978. She had been invited by her sister-in-law, who attended there, to come for prayer.



Joan Wells: "A series of actual physical touches in my Body."



Having been to several doctors, both in the United States and Mexico, Mrs. Durou was told that she had rheumatic fever and arthritis. Constantly in pain, she was rarely able to do anything for herself. That particular evening she was not even able to walk.

Although of another religious background, Mrs. Durou had not attended church for years and misery was apparent on her face. However, she had faith that if she could somehow get to the altar, God would heal her. Pastor Desiderio Cordero gave an altar call for sinners that night, and Mrs. Durou and her husband responded and were saved. But God was not finished in the life of Mrs. Durou.

**Amalia T. Durou:**  
Immediately all  
the pain was  
gone."



At the completion of the altar call for sinners, Pastor Cordero asked those who needed prayer to come forward. Again, Mrs. Durou responded, and after prayer she was smiling but wasn't certain of her healing. She asked the Lord for a sign, and immediately all the pain was gone! The following morning her family saw evidence of her healing, too, when they awoke to find that she had prepared breakfast. Mrs. Durou was rejoicing in the fact that she still did not have any pain!

Through her healing almost all her family have come to know the Lord as their Savior. When asked recently how she felt, she replied, "Muy bien, gracias."

#### **JESSIE UNDERKOFFLER** **Muir, Pennsylvania**

The promise, "... all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28), is a truth that Bob and Jessie Underkoffler, members of the Muir, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church, can now assure others of, for they have experienced it in their own lives.

Bob and Jessie were traveling in their pick-up on May 21, 1974 when disaster struck. Suddenly they were colliding with a car that had failed to stop for a stop sign. It happened so quickly; there was not time to try to stop or even dodge the oncoming car.

Jessie recalls: "When the collision occurred I felt like my body had hit every part of the cab of our pick-up. My whole head felt broken and I had no sensation in my legs. All this time I was asking God to be with us. When the doctors examined me later in the hospital, they discovered that I had damaged my collarbone, neck, wrist, ankle, head, back, leg, and bladder."

For three years Jessie was a cripple who suffered severe pain. Not only was there physical anguish, but also spiritual frustration as her husband, Bob, was not saved. Jessie also realized that too often Satan was a guest in their home. How could anything "good" possibly come from this? But God intervened. He used these terrible circumstances for the good of Bob and Jessie and for His honor and glory!

It was September 18, 1977 and Bob and Jessie were sitting in the Evening Service of the Muir Foursquare Church. They had been invited to the service by Reverend and Mrs. Paul Dunbar, Supervisor of the Secondary Department of the Muir Christian Academy.

"Throughout the entire service every part of my body that had been injured in the accident was aching severely," shares Jessie. "The pain was so excruciating that I wanted to scream. Then Pastor James Houtt gave an invitation for those with special needs to come to the altar for prayer. I was barely able to walk down the aisle, but I was determined to make it to the altar because I wanted to pray for Bob. I could live with my crippled state and the pain, if only Bob would realize his need for Jesus Christ. As Mrs. Dunbar and another woman in the church prayed for me I could feel God's arms around me, working on my hurting bones. Then, I heard and sensed a big 'pop.' I looked at Mrs. Dunbar and said, 'God healed me. My leg is straight and my back doesn't hurt. I have NO pain!' I started laughing and crying for joy. It was overwhelming! I quickly walked back to Bob, and I could see tears in his eyes."

That evening Bob experienced one of the greatest healings of all—a spiritual healing as he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior!

Not only has Jessie's physical healing been confirmed by the doctors, but Bob and Jessie can also testify to the spiritual healing which has taken place in their lives as they have learned to lean on Jesus!

How beautiful it is to see that God still heals the sin-sick soul, and the blind, the lame, the diseased . . . even as He did in the days of the New Testament. God's Word is true! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8. 4



**Jessie Underkoffler:**  
"My leg is straight  
and my back  
doesn't hurt."





# A Medical Doctor Who Knows That God Is In The Healing Business

**viewpoint:**

*Dr. Curtis A. Nystrom is a Specialist in Family Practice and is married with three grown children. He served two and one-half years in the Air Force and attended college and medical school at Kansas University. Dr. Nystrom practiced 10 years in Cawker City, Kansas and is currently in his 14th year of practice in Topeka, Kansas. He attends the Topeka Foursquare Church and serves as President of the Topeka Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.*

I could hear the high pitched wail of the new patient in Room B even as the aide rushed to get me. The aide said that our patient needed something to relax her as she had to conduct a piano recital in one hour. Immediately I thought, "To calm the agony of that cry would require so much medicine that she would sleep for five hours—much too long to conduct a recital."

The Christian music from the waiting room reached my ears as I stepped to the door of the examining room. I also recalled that while shaving that morning I had prayed for wisdom in helping my patients for the day. I prayed in the Spirit as I stopped momentarily at the examining room door. My petition was that as I stepped into the room and faced this new patient that the Holy Spirit would speak through me to her need. I stepped in quickly and on confronting the patient I asked, "What happened to you a year ago today?" She stopped weeping and said, "My sister burned up in a fire." After recalling this she cried a little in a natural manner, dried her eyes and started to leave. I then asked, "Do you need anything for your nerves?" "No," she replied. "Now that I know what was bothering me."

## Prayer language therapy

After she left the office I recalled the condition of Anniversary disease mentioned years ago in medical school. The Holy Spirit had brought to my mind a previously learned diagnosis and had given me a word of knowledge to reach her deep need. I later found that she was currently on her seventh year of psychiatric care. Then I realized that without

the help of prayer I could not have broken into the deep recesses to help her. I prayed for her again in my heavenly prayer language as I followed my routine of praying on the way home over each name listed on my copy of the daily appointment schedule.

## A question of cancer

One day I was very busy at the office when I took a Long Distance call. The lady calling stated that she had cancer and was scheduled for cobalt in one hour but believed that it was not now needed because she felt that the Lord had healed her. Her question was, "What should I do?" As I did not know her and did not know her case, I realized that I could be getting myself into trouble with her doctor. I surely didn't intend to interfere with her care (or her faith in the Lord's ability and willingness to heal). I don't recall praying before answering her, but if we are prayed up we should expect to speak as "the oracles of God." I asked her, "How did you find out that you had cancer?" "Oh, my doctor found it," came the immediate reply. "Then you continue under his care until the Lord shows him that you are healed. If the Lord can speak to you or a friend to tell you that you are healed, He can also show your doctor. Your doctor will not give you one more treatment when he sees that you are healed." She seemed satisfied with this. I felt it was of the Lord, and her doctor hearing of my advice would also be satisfied.

When I went to medical school I came to the realization that God was in the healing business. But it was just 10 years ago that I discovered that He is also a miracle working God.

Shortly after I became a born-again Christian and was baptized in the Holy Spirit with the sign of speaking in other tongues, I went to the church for a special meeting which was being held in the church basement. As I entered the room I saw a circle of chairs and asked, "What is the circle of chairs for?" I was told that it was a Prayer Circle and



people with needs would sit in one of the chairs and would receive special prayer. "Good," was my immediate response. "Then I'm going to sit in one chair and I am going to represent Mrs. Wilder (one of my patients), and we'll pray for her newly diagnosed lung cancer." This was done and the Lord strengthened my faith by healing her. After the x-rays proved to be normal, I told her why she was healed.

## The source of all healing

Many dear souls have been burdened with illness (mental, physical or spiritual) unnecessarily due to the belief that to seek healing would put them out of the will of God. We all need to declare the good news that we have been set free from the bondage of disease. To refuse to accept healing is to refuse to accept something the Lord paid for so dearly. All healing is from God, whether it comes by way of the physician with his medicine, counseling or surgery, by way of the minister as he delivers the Word of God in a sermon and a problem has the light of the Gospel shed upon it, or by the laying on of hands by brothers in the Lord with instant or gradual healing of mental and physical problems.

A former patient of mine whom I had known as an alcoholic sat in my waiting room waiting to see me. I happened to glance into the room and in seeing him thought, "Where have I seen that face before?" He looked familiar in some manner but different. Later, when he came back to talk with me, I learned that he had been my patient for some time. This was at a time when I frequently had to hospitalize him to "dry" him out. I had always liked him but hated his drinking habits. I finally gave up on trying to get him to change and dismissed him as a patient. He told me that he had continued to drink to more excess and one day was very intoxi-

cated in his hotel room when, in desperation, he fell to his knees and said, "God I give up." The Lord immediately saved him.

Of course, my practice has changed since I began telling my patients about Jesus, praying the sinners prayer with many, and endeavoring to cause Christians to realize that, as Christians, we all need to mature. This message (to be delivered and accepted) must be worked in us first (Mal. 3:3). We all like to counsel, advise and correct others, but we want our learning to be preferably by what we read. This was not the route Jesus was going to let me go. If I was going to teach divine healing and believe in it, I was going to be tested in my testimony. On an occasion when I had admitted to a saint that I was Spirit baptized, and she asked if I had been through the fire, I wondered at the time what she meant. I was to find out.

## The lesson of my healing

One weekend my wife, daughter and I went to Oklahoma for a restful seven-meeting conference. After the evening teaching, the evangelist—Reverend Chuck Flynn said he wanted to minister a little. He pointed to my wife, Gini, and me on the second row and asked us to come forward. He began praying. Part of his prayer was about a healing in my back and midsection and that the Lord was going to rebuke the devourer. I felt fine and at the time could not figure out what could be wrong with me. Seven months later a lymphosarcoma was diagnosed as being at an advanced stage. I would have preferred to stand on the promise that God would rebuke the devourer, but I felt the Lord required that, along with prayer, I take 5600 rays of cobalt and 6 chemotherapy treatments. I was very sick but worked everyday. The Lord allowed me to go through this so that I could minister to the whole patient.

I had prayed to be able to deal with all aspects of Christian and non-Christian lives. This has proven helpful as many Christians have been living in bondage to illness and disease. They have felt that healing could only be received by a divine act of God. I can now show them that all avenues of healing are from God.

Since I became a Christian 10 years ago, I now find that my patients are frequently Christians. In the past three years we have had very few coronary occlusions, no cases of lung cancer as against 23 cases in women in the previous 10 years, and no cervical cancer as against 53 cases in the previous 10 years. This is why I advocate that counselling and prayer with the laying on of hands be used along with medicine and surgery (Jas. 1:17).

## Stewardship:

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# field report: A Fellowship That Cares For One Another Is The Western District Story

Above: Supervisor and Mrs. Fred Wymore; A pioneer work on the Western District is the Outreach for Christ Foursquare Church of Bakersfield, Ca. Rev. Ronald Vietti is the pioneer pastor; Member of the San Mateo, Ca. Foursquare Church and speaker at a District Youth Camp, is San Francisco Giants relief pitcher, Gary Lavelle (left), shown with Pastor Ron Wymore of Fremont, Ca.



The terrain of the Western District offers a variety of God's handiwork with the Pacific Ocean bordering on the west, the great Salt Lake and the State of Utah to the east, the giant redwoods of California dominating the north, and the fertile valleys with their abundance of fruit and vegetables extending to the south.

The Scripture the Lord gave the personnel of the Western District to guide it in District ministry was II Corinthians 4:13 (New American Standard): "... I believed, therefore I spoke." The ministers of this District have this same kind of faith, and so they speak as they believe.

The District Office, located in Modesto, California, consists of Supervisor and Mrs. Fred Wymore; two full-time workers in the Department of Western District Ministries—Youth Director, Reverend John Tolle, and District Representative, Reverend Tim Coffman.

Reverend Warren Baier finds a year-around ministry in managing the District owned 150-acre camp at Old Oak Ranch in Sonora, California. The District conducts, annually, 7 youth camps, 3 adult camps and the District Convention which is held on the campgrounds. The District churches also use the facilities for weekend retreats or activities. When our Foursquare churches are not using the campgrounds, they are rented to other church groups or the public schools for their Outdoor Education Program. The Camp Board, comprised of ministers and laymen, is responsible for the camp's development. A master plan has been accepted for future expansion.

The 73 churches of the Western District are divided into 11 divisions, each headed by the

following respective Superintendent:	
Capitol	Donald Swe
Delta	Curtis Holla
Desert	Melvin Wils
Gold Coast	Fred Wymo
Golden Gate	Harry Gallo
North Lakes	Horace Jack
Peninsula	Jerry Chapm
Redwood	Larry Brin
San Joaquin	Jackson Coc
Sequoia	Roger Whitl
Shasta	Ray Singer

A variety of ministries is in operation in the Western District. The following are shared in order to present a portrait of what God is doing through His people in this District.

## UNIQUE MINISTRIES

Printed on the shop owner's calling card is the message, "Jesus saves bikers too." The owner, Jim Carr, who attends the local Foursquare church pastored by Reverend Fred Wymore, brings numerous visitors to the Foursquare church to hear about Jesus. A biker before his conversion, Jim belongs to a group that meets once a month. And they meet wherever they feel they can minister.

Dr. Myra (Mickey) Tetzlaff, pastor of Paradise, California Foursquare Church, has a keen interest in mentally retarded children, a people which is reflected in the church's ministry. Seven teachers have had special training to meet the needs of approximately 55 children who come to the Foursquare Sunday School and church in three buses from a special school. They are integrated with normal children and are given opportunities to accept the Lord as their personal Savior. Visible changes have resulted from this ministry, reports Pastor Tetzlaff. Because of this exceptional program, it has been discovered that at least five children who were retarded. These children have been returned to their parents to live normal lives.

## GROWTH

In 1944 Aimee Semple McPherson, founder of the Foursquare Church, preached a sermon in Oakland, California. Under the leadership of Pastor Gary Goodell, the thriving inter-racial church continues to declare the message of the Foursquare Gospel to the city of Oakland.

Churches become indigenous as a result of the right pastor being at the right place at God's time to bring in His harvest. Supervisor Fred Wymore shares that in the past year the Western District has experienced tremendous increase in attendance in congregations which had seemingly been at a standstill growthwise, for several years.



two years ago the Arroyo Grande Square Church, which consisted of a band of believers, began to pray. God answered their prayers and today this church has 140 people in its church services. We attribute this increase to prayer and mutual concern for one another. No matter the condition of one's life, everyone feels his place in this body. A family oriented church where they enjoy close fellowship as a re-

sult of the ministry of Pastor Roger Dunagan, the Lord began a renewing work in the First Foursquare Church (Valley Christ Center) of Fresno, California. Five years ago the church attendance was averaging only over 100 in the morning service. At that time, God has continued to build Himself a people who will follow after and be a force of ministry to Fresno and the surrounding community. In that time the church has increased by over 500%. The church now has a staff of five pastors, and the morning attendance averages over 300 at its three services. More than 600 people have committed themselves to monthly Bible studies in 18 different home fellowships to the life of the Lord together. Training is given to some 300 people in the Sunday School, Bible Classes and to over 150 adults in evening ministry classes. Behind these figures is a people, being fashioned by God, who love Him and who will express His love to others.

### OUTREACH

Atascadero, California is a town half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco on Highway 101. Three years ago Pastor Tom Dunagan had a congregation of 11 people. In a year it grew to its building's capacity of 70 which made it necessary to find another place of worship. The congregation moved to the Grange Hall and today uses the church building for Sunday School and nursery. Besides the verse-by-verse and book-by-book exposition of God's Word presented in the services, this church ministers to inmates at the Atascadero Hospital for the mentally and criminally insane. Brothers in the fellowship also have an active ministry to the prisons of Lancaster, Co. Chino, Soledad and California State Prison Colony of San Luis Obispo. The people are now in the process of purchasing five acres of land to build a church that will adequately serve the purposes Christ is doing through them.

A variety of ministries has opened to Pastor Roger Dunagan of the Merced, California Foursquare Church which he did not initiate. When he arrived in Merced, Reverend Dun-



agan prayed that God would give him favor with the townspeople. Soon doors of ministry began to open and today they include: Seven inter-denominational Home Bible Studies; Lutheran Youth Camp; member of the local and area Aglow Board; speaker on the local Christian radio station; and invitations to minister in other denominations. As well as experiencing God's blessing on these outreach ministries, good spiritual and numerical growth is being realized in the Merced Church. Pastor Dunagan resolves: "Jesus said, 'I will build my church. . . .' A firm 'hands off' policy exists on leadership; He leads, we follow."

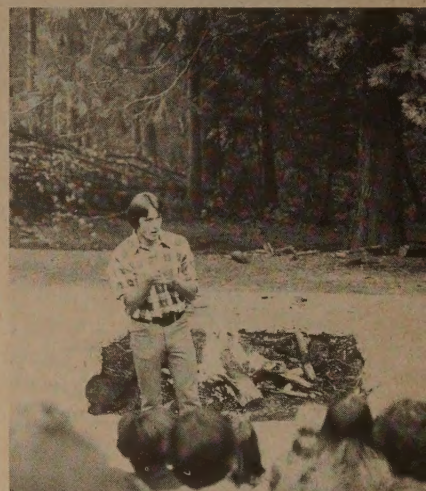
### DAY CARE CENTERS & SCHOOLS

Churches of the Western District are concerned about the Christian education of the young. And they believe this educational process must begin in the foundational years. The following four churches have broadened their Christian education base to include the operation of Day Care Centers: Concord, Scotts Valley, Stockton and Woodland. Crescent City recently opened a Christian Elementary School.

The Western District is a family in fellowship that cares for one another. "We see such love and feel a spirit of peace and harmony on the District," states Supervisor Wymore. "Thus has the Western District been described by visiting ministers, missionaries, and laymen. That makes us feel good!"

As a faithful servant of God and one of the pioneers of the Western District, the late Dr. Frank A. Cummings said, "It can be done!" Ministers and laymen of the Western District are glad that God has not put any limit on what CAN BE DONE in this District through His precious Name!

Top: Merced, Ca. Foursquare Church is realizing spiritual and numerical growth in its fellowship; Youth Director John Tolle ministers at C.Y. Camp; Paradise, Ca. Foursquare Church is involved in ministry to the elderly as well as to the mentally retarded.





## education:

### MOUNT VERNON BIBLE COLLEGE Campus in Ohio

Beginning with the Fall, 1978 semester, several members have been added to the Mount Vernon Bible College staff. These include:

**Reverend Don Powers.** Appointed as Pastor of Erickson Memorial Chapel, Reverend Powers has served 28 years as a pastor in Foursquare churches of the Eastern District. He also served as a member of the school's Board of Regents with his most recent pastorate the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church.

**Reverend John Allen.** Joining the Bible College faculty with a Master's Degree, Reverend Allen most recently served as Assistant Pastor in the Bradford, Pennsylvania Foursquare Church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hoffman.** Appointed as Field Representatives, Mr. Hoffman, who recently retired from a management position with United Telephone Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and his wife, Florence, have been active laymen on the Eastern District for many years.

During the month of October, Dr. Roy Hicks, Northwest District Supervisor, was the guest speaker for the Christian Life Conference, with Reverend Dick Scott, linguist and former missionary, ministering at the Deeper Life Series. The college also hosted prospective students at its annual two-day College For A Day event.

Alumni from many states will gather on the campus, November 16-17 for Homecoming activities. The two-day gathering will include a special reunion of the Class of '68.

### CHAPLAIN MICHAEL MATHENY United States Army

Assigned to an armored cavalry squadron which is responsible for patrolling and defending 40 kilometers of the East-West German border, Chaplain Michael Matheny finds his ministry in Bad Kissingen, Germany exciting but more than he could handle without the power of Jesus Christ.

Because of its strategic location and important mission, the 1,000 men of this elite squadron spend from 200 to 250 days a year in the field away from their families. This situation has resulted in a high divorce rate with family problems both severe and frequent. Thus, Chaplain Matheny spends many hours in counseling, both with the men and their dependents. He also spends as much time as possible with the unit in the field.

Other areas of his ministry include: Conducting weekly worship services; a weekly Prayer Breakfast; special training classes; and five different group meetings (his wife, Billie, shares in this ministry) in their home.

Vincent R. Bird Student  
Center, Mount Vernon Bible  
College campus.



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## **FOUR SQUARE MINISTERS HONORED** **Reverend and Mrs. Charles Baldwin** **Retire After** **45 Years of Ministry**

During the month of July, Reverend and Mrs. Charles E. Baldwin retired from active service of 45 years in the ministry. The congregation and friends of the Santa Monica, California Foursquare Church sponsored a day-long celebration in their honor.

During a Sunday Morning Service, Reverend and Mrs. Baldwin were presented with the gift of a trip to Hawaii, as well as a picture of the Santa Monica Foursquare Church done in needlepoint. Following the service a dinner was held in their honor with many guests in attendance. The day concluded with the Evening Service which consisted of a musical package.

Enhancing the day's activities was the presence of the Baldwins' entire family. Many members of churches which they formerly pastored also participated in honoring them on this special day, as well as friends and officials of the Foursquare organization.



*Reverend and Mrs. Charles Baldwin were honored on the occasion of their recent retirement from 45 years of pastoral ministry.*

Reverend and Mrs. Baldwin, originally from Nebraska and Minnesota respectively, have pastored churches in Iowa, Texas, Vancouver B.C., Moorpark, Santa Maria, Southwest Los Angeles, Burbank, and Santa Monica. They also served as Dean of L.I.F.E. Bible College of Canada.

## **So. California District** **Honors Elder Ministers**

Six elder ministers were honored at the Southern California District Minister's Fellowship Meeting on September 18, 1978. Presented with plaques from the Foursquare organization upon their retirement and for their many years of faithful ministry were: Reverends and Mmes John Richardson and Charles Baldwin, and Reverend Ruth Grace. Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance, Reverend and Mrs. Leonard E. Duren, and Dr. Barney Northcoat were presented with plaques from the Camp Cedar Crest Board for their many years of service and dedication to the camp.



## **CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES** **CELEBRATED** **Redmond, Oregon** **Golden Jubilee**

A service marking the 50th Anniversary of the preaching of the Foursquare Gospel in the community of Redmond, Oregon took place recently at the Redmond Foursquare Church. The highlight of the service was the burning of the mortgage which cleared the church property of indebtedness one and a half years early.

The Redmond Foursquare Church began in a tent July 26, 1928, under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. F.C. Warren. It moved from the tent to rented quarters and then into a small building erected on its present site in 1931. That building was replaced by the present structure which was dedicated in 1967. The present pastors, Reverend and Mrs. William R. Cooke, have served the congregation since 1956.

The two-day celebration also included a Saturday evening banquet and Sunday afternoon picnic dinner. Guest speakers participating in the anniversary event included: Dr. Roy Hicks, Northwest District Supervisor; Mrs. Jean Fitch, widow of former pastor, Reverend E.E. Fitch; and Reverend Les Earp, pastor of the Miles City, Montana Foursquare Church, who is one of 22 members of this church who has entered the ministry. Former pastor, Reverend E.G. Skultety and former staff members also participated.

## **Cornelius, North Carolina** **40th Anniversary**

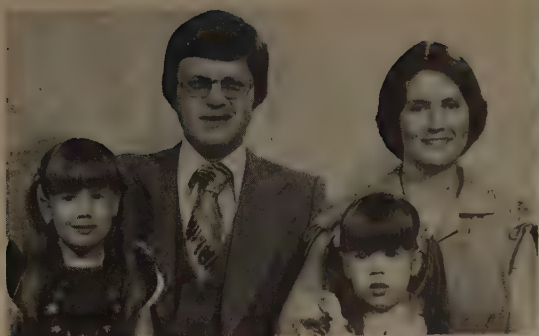
In August of 1938, Reverend and Mrs. S.K. Clanton pioneered the Cornelius Foursquare Church in North Carolina. This past summer the church celebrated its 40th anniversary with Supervisor Glenn Burris ministering in the Anniversary Service. Reverend and Mrs. Clanton have recently retired as pastors of the Cornelius Church after 40 years of dedicated ministry.

*Dr. Roy Hicks, Supervisor of the Northwest District, presents plaque of recognition to the Redmond, Ore. Church on behalf of the International Board of Directors for 50 years of faithful ministry. Council members and ministerial staff shown on platform.*

*Reverend and Mrs. S.K. Clanton received plaque on the occasion of their retirement from pastoral ministry.*







coconut crop was a poor one. She wept bitterly as she returned home.

Someone had given Nana a book about healing. The book kept referring to "The Word," but she did not understand its meaning. She had been a churchgoer most of her life. When the priest would ask if she had sinned, she would become a bit indignant and respond, "Oh, no. I am good. I help other people and I give to the poor."

One day her brother came to see her and she asked him if he knew what "The Word" was. He wasn't sure, but he thought it referred to the Word of God, a book called the Bible. They decided to go to a bookstore and ask for this book. She purchased a Bible and, upon asking how she should read it, she was told to start from the beginning.

As she began to read the Bible she found out that she was a sinner. "The Bible was written for me," she shares. "I found that I was lost and that I was a great sinner." As she read the Bible, God revealed Himself and His love to her.

Nana has been a Christian, now, for several months. She further testifies: "I used to think those people who went to the Protestant church were strange. They would go early and not be dismissed until 12 noon. I criticized them. Now, I am learning their songs. When I get discouraged, I reach for my Bible. I am even memorizing Bible verses."

God has begun to heal Nana's arthritis. She is able to walk straight, work, and is not in as much pain.

As for the coconuts, the last time she went to the farm she discovered that there was a good quantity of coconuts, more than they could have dreamed possible.

**Hong Kong**—The District CY Camp, which involved 84 teens between the ages of 15 and 20, was held on top of the mountains overlooking the entire colony of Hong Kong. The theme of this



Top left: Reverend and Mrs. Jim Kingsbury and family, recent missionary appointees to the Philippines; although facilities of the Tegucigalpa, Honduras Foursquare Church were enlarged to accommodate the increase in attendance, two services on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings must be held. (See story page 13.); Sampans that serve as permanent dwellings to hundreds of thousands of Chinese in Hong Kong Harbor.

## NEW MISSIONARY UNIT APPOINTED TO THE PHILIPPINES

Reverend and Mrs. Jim Kingsbury and family have recently been appointed to minister in the Republic of the Philippines. During their first year they will supply for Reverend and Mrs. Gary Loop who have returned to the States on furlough.

The Kingsburys are located in the Western District which encompasses the island of Mindoro and smaller surrounding islands. Their ministries include directing and teaching in a newly established Bible College in Odiongan and ministering in the numerous churches of this district. They will also be available to assist the four other Bible Colleges of the Philippines in their degree work.

Both Jim and Connie were converted as children and were called to the mission field as young people. They graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1971. Their varied ministerial experience includes: Assistant Pas-

tor; Resident and Head Advisor for the Girls' Dormitory at L.I.F.E. Bible College; youth ministry in Moline, Illinois Gospel Temple; four months in Israel in a work-study program; and most recently, Associate Pastor at the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California where they directed the School of the Bible, Prayer Ministries and the Extension School.

**DATELINE: Asia Philippines**—"I did not care if all my coconuts got lost."

Nana Lanzar was discouraged because arthritis was overtaking her. Nana's hands and feet, which had once been strong, were now knotted, and she suffered great pain. As she was not able to care for herself, her husband had to resign his good job in order to care for her. Their four children were grown, but with several in college, her extra income was needed.

On a trip to their coconut farm, she discovered that this year's



year's camp, "Life in Christ's Body," proved to be very effective. During the camp a typhoon hit, blowing down power lines and disrupting the water supply for two days. This gave an opportunity for the young people to put into practice the scriptural principles relating to the camp theme that were being taught. Reverend Ron Williams, Foursquare missionary, writes: "God was extremely precious to us, with several saved, six new individuals called into the ministry and a real reuniting of the youth in sharing and caring for each other taking place." There was a total of seven Foursquare camps conducted in Hong Kong during the summer months with 750 youth involved. A total of 150 campers found Christ as their Savior.

**DATELINE: The Pacific**

**Papua New Guinea**—The 1978 Foursquare Convention was held in Kapakamarigi, a station in the Eastern Highland of Papua New Guinea. Theme for the convention was, "Letting Our Lives Show Forth the Love of God." Guest speakers, Reverends Barry Silverback—former missionary and Bible School lecturer, and Ernesto Lagasca—President of the Philippines Foursquare Churches ministered each morning and evening. The afternoon meetings were divided into 12 different language groups, led by national pastors. On the opening night, the film, "Cargo from the Silver Bird," was shown. This picture was recently filmed in Papua New Guinea and portrays God's workings through the lives of the missionaries in this country. "The reaction of the people as they viewed the film was almost indescribable," writes Missionary Mason Hughes. "They were so very pleased." This 13th Annual Convention experienced great victories with over 3,000 attending nightly, 119 accepting Christ as their Savior, and 60 baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**DATELINE: Africa**

**South Africa**—"Fast and pray for next week's Evening Service.

The enemy is going to be present to disrupt and endeavor to destroy the works of the Lord in a great way," spoke the Holy Spirit through one of the workers.

The Evening Service had proceeded nicely, but at the prayer time the Lord again spoke through the worker and said that the devil would work through three young men who had with them a dangerous weapon to kill those who preached the Gospel. With this statement the people banded together in intercessory prayer. During this prayer time the Lord revealed to the woman that the young men were seated in the third row and one had a carrying case in which the weapon was concealed. When prayer was over, these three were pointed out, and after a search was made several weapons were found including a 20-inch sugar-cane knife. How the people praised God for His protection of their missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Ziegler.

Our missionaries in South Africa, especially, need our prayers at this time. Current events on this continent give strong reason for their need of our daily prayer support.

**DATELINE: Latin America**

**Honduras**—The facilities of the Tegucigalpa Foursquare Church have been expanded and, still, the building cannot hold the people. It has been necessary for some time to conduct two Sunday Morning Worship Services. This past month this congregation faced a new challenge. In Honduras a church has never before attempted to hold two services on Sunday evenings. Since the bus service is very poor, it was felt by most that such a plan could not succeed. The first Sunday in August the Foursquare church stepped out in faith and opened its doors for double services on Sunday nights in order to accommodate the crowds.

Missionary Dean Truett shares the following report of the first two Sundays that this plan was in operation. "On the first Sunday night, 150 folk attended the first

service, 550 were present in the second service and 9 individuals accepted Christ as their Savior. On the second Sunday evening, 180 folk attended the first service and 600 were present in the second service with 15 making commitments to Christ. This is causing quite a stir in the other churches in town," continued Reverend Truett, "as they can't figure out how we are able to have a full church on Sunday night for one service, much less two." Praise God for this continued increase!

**DATELINE: Europe**

**Greece**—Film evangelism can be such an effective means of reaching unbelievers in Greece, but renting a projector for this outreach can be quite an expense. One evening during a church service, God impressed Reverend George Patsaouras that he should tell the people that the offering that night would be used to start a fund for the purchase of a projector. At the close of the service a visitor approached Pastor Patsaouras and told him that he had recently purchased a projector which was to be given to a church, but as yet no one had expressed a need for a projector in any of the churches that he had visited. "I will give it to you," he said.

When there is a hunger in the hearts of God's people to reach the unsaved, God will send in the tools that are needed. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). 4

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# A Sower Went Forth To Sow



By Reverend Robert Deyarmond  
Pastor, De Kalb, Illinois Foursquare Church  
The Parable of the Sower  
Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23

The Parable of the Sower is a parable of the Kingdom. It is not necessarily a parable about sinful men, nor how to win men to the saving grace of God. It is primarily a parable to those who have at their disposal all the rich provisions of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The evangelist would proclaim this parable to the lost in this fashion: "There are those here, tonight, who will hear of Jesus' love for them and will reject it altogether. Soon they will forget everything they have heard."

Second, we have an interesting application of truth coming from the Soul-winner's Class. The impact of its concept is most helpful. Let's look at its interpretation by the instructor: "If you really care for the lost, you should not be discouraged with the 'wayside' hard-hearted sinner. What would a farmer or a gardener do about hard ground? He would cultivate it and soften it. Even so, cultivate the sinner's heart. Be patient and build a personal relationship with him. Give him some attention. Do things with him or even for him. Soften his heart and then the seed of the Gospel will penetrate."

Both concepts are contained in Scripture and are profitable for the evangelization of the lost. However, neither reach the heart of the Kingdom message. Remember, the Kingdom of God is basically making Jesus Lord and not just Savior. The establishing of the Kingdom deals with the surrender of the child of God to the will of God so that he may fulfill the ultimate goals and intentions of Heaven. God is to once again be sovereign ruler over the "heart-life" and then the world. (And this is not all futuristic.)

The Pharisees (Lk. 17:20) and the Disciples (Acts 1:6) both asked the Lord when the Kingdom should come. In both cases Jesus

gave them a "Spirit centered" answer. To the Pharisees He responded, "The Kingdom of God is within [among] you." To the Disciples He answered, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The child of God is being challenged to use the spiritual life and the authority given to him by coming under the full leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is telling us what keeps Kingdom life from happening in so many of us. With this in mind let us study the Kingdom Parable of the Sower.

VERSE 19: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not . . ." The opportunity of the Kingdom comes to the attention of every child of God. If we are not aware of its meaning or importance, that truth gets away from us. Satan sees to that! Concepts of the new government sometime come at inopportune moments. We miss their vitality and power, sometimes forever. VERSES 20-21: "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while . . . by and by he is offended." When we fail to obey the Word, we stumble over it. In other words, when the Word does not govern our new life, it cannot take proper root in us. The Kingdom life "falls away".

VERSE 22: "The care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches . . ." We discover that many Spirit filled believers fall short at this point because of how they handle finances and the cares of life. It is not money that causes problems with Kingdom living, but the proper use and distribution of "riches". Finances are to release God's hand in the affairs of men, and to give man authority over the systems of "this world" by the way he handles these matters (Rom. 12:2).

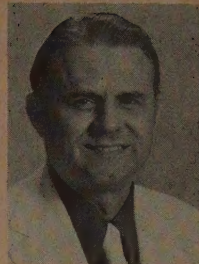
VERSE 23: "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word and understandeth it." However, when we hear and respond, prepared by prayer, obedience and change, the Word of the Kingdom brings forth fruit, "some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

open your Bible:



# Raymond Cox:

## current events & comments



above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it." There the Lord "shall judge among the nations . . . and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks" (armament and munition industries will be converted to agricultural manufacture), since "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they study war any more" (Christ will close West Point, Ecole Militaire, and other military academies). Those glorious prospects, outlined in Isaiah 2:2 and 4 (also Mic. 4:1-3), can only materialize when the Son of David, Jesus the Messiah, climaxes His ministry as the "prince of peace" (Isa. 9:6), concerning which the next verse declares, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdoms, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice . . ."

This will not be a negotiated peace but an imposed peace. Jesus will dictate the terms and enforce them. His words will effectively quell all opposition and absolutely command obedience. Revelation 19:15 previews, "Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." The "sword" more likely means His words rather than a literal weapon clenched between Christ's teeth. Even now the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (cf. Eph. 6:17).

Meanwhile, the heads of state who met at Camp David asked the world to pray for peace. Christians can pray for as much peace as is possible under the circumstances, even though they realize that a lasting peace cannot unfold until Jesus arrives on earth to impose it. So rumors of war will continue, along with eruptions of hostilities. But rumors of peace cannot materialize substantially. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . . and they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 5:3, cf. Jer. 6:14, 8:11).

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## letters:

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A.W.

I do so enjoy the ADVANCE. I hope the enclosed will help some. Thank you so much.

A.C.

### Source of Blessing

I praise God for the magazine. I just love it.  
D.F.

I just thought I'd like to take this opportunity and write and let you know that I certainly do enjoy the ADVANCE. It is a blessing to me.

D.A.

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We here in Oklahoma City wish to express how much we appreciate the ADVANCE each month.

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